Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:—What do the Government propose to do to help the villagers of these places where you can get salt water only by digging? What other method can the Government adopt?

Mr. President:—By carrying fresh water from places where it is available.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—The only method for improving the water is to install the system of productive water supply from the Alwaye river.

Mr. George Parakkal:—Whether they know that almost all the poor people in these villages are living to the west near the sea-shore?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:—Since the Hon'ble Member has made the statement I will take it as correct.

Mr. George Parakkal:—Whether the Government will investigate into the matter and do something remediable if this remedy is needed?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon—Government will look into it.

Additional Carpentry teacher for the Government Industrial School, Narakkal.

194. Mr. George Parakkal:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) if it is aware that there are 62 pupils in the Carpentry section of the Government Industrial School, Narakkal, and that there is only one teacher

(b) will the Government be pleased to state if the necessity of an extra teacher in Carpentry has been pointed out; and

(c) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action does the Government propose to take in the matter?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) An additional Carpentry teacher has been posted to the school.

Road-opening of—Kumbalam.

195. Mr. A. Narayana Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received any petitions from the inhabitants of Kumbalam desam requesting for a roadway for the use of the inhabitants of the place;

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(2) if so, how many petitions were received by them and how were they disposed of;

(3) whether they have received any representation from the local Panchayat in the matter;

(4) if so, how it was disposed of and what orders were passed by the Government upon it ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— (1) Yes.

(2) Two resolutions passed at public meetings and one petition dated 28—6—1110 have been received.

(3) Yes.

(4) Government sanctioned the work and ordered that the proposal to take it up would be considered at the time of framing the budget for 1110.

School functions presided over by the Director of Public Instruction.

196. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of school functions presided over by the Director of Public Instruction during the last academic year 1109—1110;

(b) the number of school functions presided over by the Director of Public Instruction wherein the Editor of the Gomathi, Mr. K. V. Raghavan Nayar, has lectured ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— (a) and (b) It is not possible to furnish the information as no record is maintained in the office regarding such items.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—May I take it that there were a number of functions presided over by the D. P. I. where the Editor of the Gomathi has lectured ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—There might have been some and not a considerable number.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—May I know, Sir, whether it is not a healthy state of affairs to have the departmental head presiding over the annual celebrations of schools ? It is part of the work of the supervising officer to come into touch with affiars of the School during School day celebrations. I mean it has a desirable and healthy influence on the working of the schools on matters connected with education.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—It is not proper and desirable for the school that the editor must also follow.

Mr. I. N. Menon:—Editors, Press Reporters, etc., must follow where speeches are delivered.

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